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The storm Colin dissipated off coastal North Carolina on Tuesday and moved out to sea after pounding the U.S. Southeast with torrential rains and winds, but flooding remained a concern in parts of Florida that received the brunt of the tropical storm. Colin was downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone southwest of coastal North Carolina.
As it moved off to sea in the afternoon, it packed winds up to 60 miles per hour, National Hurricane Center in Miami said. The storm was downgraded just hours after making landfall on Florida's northern Gulf Coast early Tuesday. It then swept across Georgia on its path to the Atlantic, affecting coastal South and North Carolina.
REUTERS

ZOO REOPENS WITH REMODELED ENCLOSURE

2 Visitors flocked on Tuesday to the Cincinnati Zoo the day after prosecutors declined to charge the mother of a 3-year-old boy who fell into a gorilla enclosure, causing zookeepers to kill the endangered animal to protect the child. Hundreds of people got their first look at the remodeled enclosure, which the zoo changed to prevent a repeat of the May 28 incident that led to the shooting of the 17-year-old endangered western lowland silverback gorilla Harambe to prevent harm to the child. Emily Butler, 40, from Florence, Kentucky, who was visiting with her 8- and 11-year-old sons and other family, called Harambe's death "sad all the way around," but said they were excited to be at the habitat's reopening. "I was concerned they might close the exhibit altogether," she said. "This is the one place in Cincinnati we've always come to spend time with our kids." REUTERS

US WARNS BANKS ON THREAT AFTER HEIST

3 U.S. regulators on Tuesday told banks to review cybersecurity protections against fraudulent money transfers in the wake of revelations that a hacking group used such messages to steal $81 million from the Bangladesh central bank. The notice from the Fed and other financial regulators came two weeks after the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation privately urged banks to look for signs of possible cyberattacks. That report asked them to hunt for technical clues that they have been targeted by the same group, according to a notification seen on Tuesday by Reuters. The warnings suggest that U.S. government and law enforcement agencies are concerned that recent attacks on banks in emerging-market economies could lead to losses for big U.S. firms that rely on the so-called SWIFT fund-transfer network. REUTERS

Hillary Clinton speaks to California supporters. GETTY IMAGES

Clinton wins NJ as she gathers enough delegates to clinch party's nomination

Nearly 700 delegates were up for grabs Tuesday night in six states.

Hillary Clinton made history Tuesday with a victory in New Jersey's Democratic primary, securing enough pledged delegates and superdelegates to become the first woman to win a major party's presidential nomination.

The win comes a day after The Associated Press declared her the presumptive Democratic nominee, after reporters canvassed undeclared superdelegates and found enough publicly voiced their support for Clinton ahead of Tuesday's vote to put her over the "magic number" of 2,383 delegates. Nearly 700 delegates were at stake in six Democratic primaries Tuesday, with the biggest prize being California's 475.

Polls in California closed at 8 p.m. local time, and results were not available at press. However, that state could hold the key to whether Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders continues to contest the Democratic nomination. Polls showed the race between Sanders and Clinton was a dead heat, and a Sanders victory could help make his case that declared superdelegates be free to vote for either candidate at July's national convention in Philadelphia.

In New Jersey's primary, Clinton had 58.5 percent of the vote with 20 percent reporting to Sanders' 41.5 percent.

"We are at the brink of a historic moment, but we still have work to do," Clinton wrote in a tweet. "To everyone who's worked so hard, thank you. Let's go win this thing."

Despite the daunting delegate numbers, Sanders refused to concede the nomination to his rival.

"Our goal is to get as many delegates as we possibly can and to make the case to superdelegates that I believe the evidence is fairly strong that I am the strongest candidate," Sanders said during a press conference Monday.

While the campaign has said it will continue to try and sway superdelegates to support Sanders, none have yet decided to do so, Sanders' campaign manager Jeff Weaver acknowledged on MSNBC Tuesday afternoon.

Barring a seemingly improbable large-scale switch among the party's superdelegates, Clinton would seem to have the nomination on lockdown — a development that allows her to pivot her messaging and campaign to target the presumptive Republican nominee, Donald Trump.

Trump — under fire from Democrats, Hispanics and his own party this week for comments he made questioning the impartiality of a federal judge presiding over two fraud class-action lawsuits involving his defunct Trump University because of his Mexican heritage — held a news conference earlier Tuesday at which he claimed his comments had been "misconstrued."

Trump again blamed the media, claiming inaccuracies had been reported, but continued to accuse Judge Gonzalo Curiel of treating him unfairly.

The last primary before the conventions will be a Democratic primary in Washington, D.C. on June 14. METRO

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Police ID suspect charged in rape

Felix Ramos PROVIDED

44-year-old man arrested in reported sexual assault of woman behind Northeast Philadelphia shopping center.

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Police on Tuesday identified the man arrested for allegedly raping a woman behind a shopping mall in Northeast Philadelphia.

Felix Ramos, 44, of the 9500 block of James Street, is charged with attempted rape, unlawful restraint, false imprisonment and aggravated indecent assault, police said.

Police were called to the scene of a "rape in progress" on June 6 at 6:01 p.m. on the 9400 block of State Road. There, the 29-year-old victim told officers she "was sexually assaulted in the woods behind the Del Air shopping center," according to the police report.

The victim gave police a description of her attacker, whom she described as a Hispanic male in his late 30s who was bald with a goatee and possibly riding a bicycle.

Police stopped a man matching the description in a rear driveway on the 9600 block of State Road, who was identified by the victim before being charged.

No court date for Ramos was immediately available.

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Robbers attack, shoot pizza delivery driver in Southwest Philadelphia

Philly police are investigating CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Police are searching for two suspects after a brutal attack on a pizza delivery driver in Southwest Philadelphia late Monday.

Just before 11 p.m., the 35-year-old driver for Chillin Pizza arrived at Beaumont Avenue near 57th Street in the Kingsessing neighborhood to make a delivery. As the unidentified victim was grabbing a customer's order from the passenger side of his car, two male suspects approached him and forced him at gunpoint back into his vehicle, NBC10 reported.

Police said the two men told the victim to drive to Warrington Avenue and Cobbs Creek Parkway, where he was then forced out of the car and told to kneel in the street. The suspects robbed him of $60.

Investigators told NBC10 that the victim, 35, tried to run, but the suspects opened fire, hitting the deliveryman in the back of his head.

"He then gets up and runs … near Cobbs Creek he's yelling for help, yelling for help and finally he collapses," said Lt. John Walker of Southwest Detectives, according to NBC10.

The victim was rushed to Penn Presbyterian Hospital in critical condition.

His sedan was found running along Belmar Street, just a few blocks away from the shooting scene.

Police haven't identified the two suspects, but Walker said investigators believe they could be "two juveniles who live in this community." ALEXIS SACHDEV

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Falls Township officers challenge maker of 'dead cop' wooden sign

They're not letting this one go.

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When a sign expressing an anti-police sentiment popped up in Bucks County Monday morning, officers didn't let it go unnoticed.

The sign, which reads "Only good cop — is a dead cop," was found near a manufacturing plant in Falls Township, Bucks County.

But one officer wasn't going to let that stand.

Lt. Henry Ward posted a picture of the sign to the department's Facebook page, calling out the artist to show their face.

"I would like to challenge the person or persons who made and hung the sign to stop into the Police Dept and speak to us," Ward wrote.

"I know whoever did this did it out of ignorance. I would like to sit down with them and show them what we do as Police Officers so they can base their opinion on facts and not ignorance. I doubt they will do this because they hung the sign in the middle of the night like a true coward that I think they are."

The sign PROVIDED

Ward pointed out that the sign was hung Monday, the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

"I want to stress this is America and anyone is well within their rights to hold such an opinion, but I find it ironic that whoever did this did it on the anniversary of D-Day when thousands of young Americans died to make sure an idiot or idiots like this can express their opinions."

The Falls Township Police Department has not yet responded to a request for comment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW) pursuant to an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement (MTW Agreement) with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program and requires PHA to submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's MTW Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 was approved by HUD on September 29, 2015. PHA's FY 2017 MTW Annual Plan, which was submitted to HUD in January 2016, is pending HUD approval as of the publication date of this notice.

PHA is seeking public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the MTW Annual Plan concerning PHA's plans to convert 147 public housing units at Norris Apartments and 53 public housing units at Plymouth Hall Apartments to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The RAD conversion of Norris Apartments will involve transfer of assistance to 147 newly constructed units developed as part of PHA's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation grant for Norris Homes and the broader North Central Philadelphia neighborhood. The RAD conversion of Plymouth Hall Apartments will involve conversion of 53 public housing units to project-based assistance at the existing housing site.

The proposed amendment provides additional information concerning PHA's RAD conversion plans. The proposed amendment will be incorporated in its entirety into PHA's then current MTW Annual Plan (either the FY 2016 Annual MTW Plan, which has already been approved, or the FY 2017 MTW Annual Plan, which is pending HUD approval) through an attachment entitled "Rental Assistance Demonstration Significant Amendment". It is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

Public Housing Management Offices:
Bartram - 5404 Gibson Drive
Raymond Rosen – 2110 N. 23rd Street

Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:
2850 Germantown Avenue 1st Floor

Scattered Sites Management Offices:
Abbottsford Homes – 3226 McMichael Street
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PHA will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment. PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public are invited to attend and provide comments at the Hearing and/or to submit written comments during the public comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location:

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 11:00am
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The public comment period begins on June 8, 2016 at noon and ends on July 7, 2016 at noon. All comments must be received at PHA's office by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to: **Philadelphia Housing Authority / Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning, Attention: MTW Plan Amendment Comments / 12 South 23rd Street, Phila., PA 19103.**

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POLITICS

Milton Street is running for office — again

Milton Street has once again found his way into Philadelphia's political fray.

The serial candidate announced Monday that he's entering the race for Pennsylvania's 2nd Congressional District, taking on Democratic nominee Dwight Evans and Republican candidate James Jones.

Street, brother of former Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street, told the Philadelphia Inquirer he plans to run as an independent, and will make a formal announcement in two weeks.

The hotly contested seat is currently held by U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah, who is currently in court over allegations of misusing hundreds of thousands of campaign, charity and federal grant dollars.

Evans defeated Fattah for the Democratic nomination in April, ending the incumbent's 11-term reign over a district that includes Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. Democrats hold an 81 percent majority among registered voters in the 2nd District, essentially securing Evans' win in November.

Street FACEBOOK

But in his Facebook post, Street said he wants to "challenge" Evans, 62.

"I don't have anything against Dwight Evans," Street, 77, said in an interview with the Inquirer. "My issue is, he should have to work for the seat between now and November. I'm going to make him work."

Evans has held an elected position for more than 35 years, since being elected state representative from the 203rd Legislative District in 1980 when he was 26 years old.

Street is no stranger to the Philadelphia political scene.

His career began in 1978 when he was elected to the state House, and to state Senate in 1980 as a Democrat. Shortly after winning, Street switched parties to give Republicans control of the chamber. In return, Street was given a committee chairmanship and Vince Fumo's former office.

Street tried for re-election to the Senate as a Democrat in 1984 and lost. He ran again in 1986 and 1988 for state representative and lost, again.

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Water back under microscope

A class-action lawsuit claims Philly's testing of lead levels in water is "rigged," a claim the city denies.

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Many Philadelphians get their drinking water straight from the tap.

But the safety of that water, drawn from rivers and reservoirs in the Delaware Valley, is increasingly under scrutiny in the wake of the lead contamination in Flint, Michigan. Now, a class-action lawsuit is demanding the city replace its pipes and claiming that its testing methods are "rigged."

The lawsuit, filed June 2 on behalf of West Philly mom Eleni Delopoulos as the lead plaintiff in the class action, claims that the "city's aging lead water pipes are disturbed by construction that disrupt the service lines and increases the risk of lead contamination," according to her law firm, Hagens Berman.

They are demanding "full replacement of affected service lines" and more tests to detect lead poisoning in residents.

City and Water Department officials declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"Studies have shown that the kind of construction the city is carrying out creates the perfect storm for lead pipe corrosion, and yet the city has decided to conceal this growing health hazard from its own citizens," claimed attorney Steve Berman in a statement. "To add insult to injury, the city of Philadelphia has actively concealed this issue by rigging its lead testing procedures."

Berman argued the city is "rigging" its tests by testing mostly low-risk homes.

Philadelphia Water Department workers dig up service pipes from a house to the street. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Water-quality testing in Philadelphia is done on a voluntary basis. The last round of tests, in 2014, found less than 5 percent of 134 homes tested had lead levels above 15 parts per billion, the level at which the EPA requires corrective action. Homes will be tested again in 2017.

But Berman also said that the city's method of testing — including "pre-flushing" pipes six hours before the test, which the Water Department says is to eliminate the home's pipes as the source of the lead. This step "can temporarily hide a home's lead contamination," according to the lawsuit.

That type of pre-flushing was listed as a violation of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act in state charges against officials held responsible for the Flint crisis.

But state and city officials said they are in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines for water testing.

Former state Department of Environmental Protection chief John Quigley told the Huffington Post in April that "the Philadelphia Water Department is in compliance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule. Period. Full stop."

Water Department Commissioner Debra McCarty testified at a March hearing on water safety that Philly water is safe, but aged structures in the city may have lead pipes that could contaminate the water.

Residents of those homes should run their pipes for a few minutes in the morning to clear any potentially built up lead, McCarty said, as she herself does every morning.

However, environmentalists believe the city is responsible for the safety and quality of water until it comes out of a resident's tap.

"The fact is, most people know nothing about the pipes that go from a water main into their house (which they own), and many people will not be able to afford to switch to unleaded pipes," said David Nicholas, a Boston-based lawyer specializing in public interest environmental law. "Since lead in drinking water would be a serious public health problem, the community cannot simply turn its back on those who can't afford to switch to pipes without lead."

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All things considered, it's not surprising that more than a million homeowners have already used a government-insured Home Equity Conversion Mortgage or "HECM" (more commonly known today as a reverse mortgage loan) to turn their home equity into extra cash for retirement.

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Although today's HECM reverse mortgages have been improved to provide even greater financial protection for homeowners, there are still many misconceptions.

For example, a lot of people mistakenly believe the home must be paid off in full in order to qualify for a HECM reverse mortgage loan, which is not the case. In fact, one key benefit of a HECM is that it automatically pays off your existing mortgage, which frees up cash flow, a huge blessing for seniors living on a fixed income. Unfortunately, many senior homeowners who could benefit from a HECM loan don't even bother to get more information because of rumors they've heard.

That's a shame because HECM reverse mortgages are helping many senior homeowners live a better life.

In fact, a recent survey by American Advisors Group (AAG), the nation's number one HECM lender, found that over 90% of their clients are satisfied with their reverse mortgages.

While these special loans are not for everyone, they can be a real lifesaver for senior homeowners like Betty Carter, who recently took out a HECM loan with AAG so that she could finally get the extra cash she needed to fix up her house.

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FACT: In 1988, President Reagan signed the FHA Reverse Mortgage bill into law.

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If you're a homeowner age 62 or older, you owe it to yourself to learn more so that you can make an informed decision. Homeowners who are interested in learning more can request a free 2016 HECM Reverse Mortgage Information Kit and free Educational DVD by calling American Advisors Group toll-free at **1-(855) 292-6908.**

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Russia deploys troops westward as standoff with NATO deepens

New army base set up near Ukraine's northern border.

Russia is building an army base near its border with Ukraine, the latest in a chain of new military sites along what the Kremlin sees as its frontline in a growing confrontation with NATO.

While there have been no clashes between the former Cold War rivals, Russia is building up forces on its western frontiers at a time when the NATO alliance is staging major military exercises and increasing deployments on its eastern flank.

A Reuters reporter who visited the Russian town of Klintsy, about 30 miles from Ukraine, saw a makeshift army camp, large numbers of newly arrived servicemen and military vehicles.

Two soldiers in camouflage gear who were manning a checkpoint in a forest turned the reporter away, saying they were guarding a "special military site."

Last year, Reuters also reported on construction of two other bases further to the south on Russia's border with Ukraine.

The defense ministry has not acknowledged the deployment of troops to Klintsy, which usually serves as a stop for truck drivers traveling between Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

However, a town council official said Klintsy had been chosen as the site of a newly-formed division, and that so far about 240 soldiers had arrived. "What's to hide? That they've come? They've arrived," said council deputy chairman Oleg Kletny. "They're going to be garrisoned here."

When completed, the base will be the latest component in a build-up of forces along a line running from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Black Sea in the south.

On the western side of the line, NATO has been rotating troops and equipment in greater numbers to members states that were part of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact during the Cold War.

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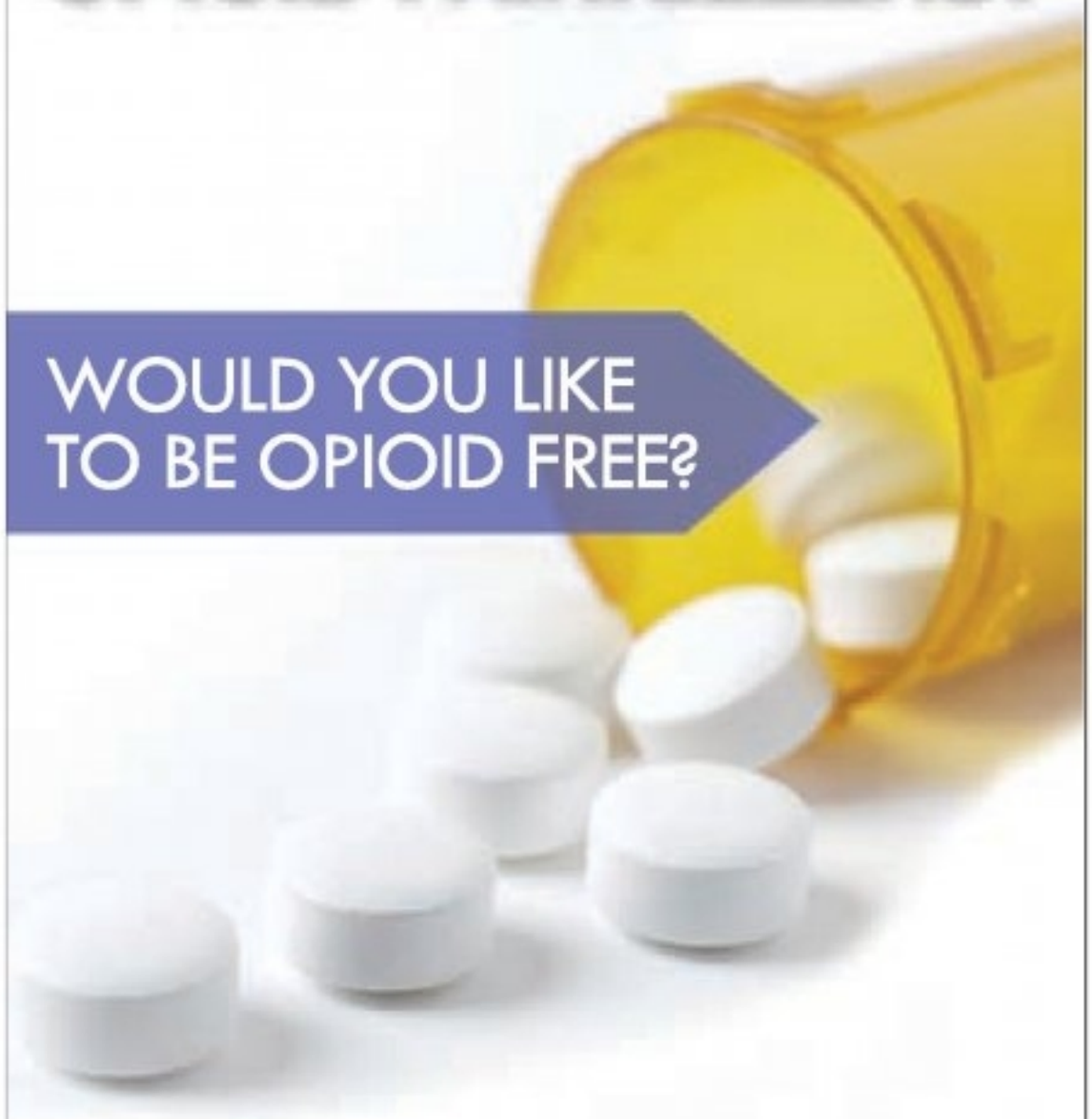

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The Western alliance, which says it's responding to Russian military intervention in Ukraine, was this week staging one of its biggest exercises in eastern Europe since the end of the Cold War.

To the east, Russia is building up its own forces, saying it needs to protect itself from NATO's eastward advance.

Each side says it is only responding to steps taken by the other, but the build-up risks locking NATO and Russia into a spiral of measure and countermeasure from which it will be difficult to escape.

Russia and NATO member states share borders around the Baltic Sea, while further south the two blocs are separated by Ukraine and Belarus.

But since Ukraine's pro-Moscow president was ousted in a popular uprising two years ago and replaced with a Western-leaning administration, the perception in Moscow is that Ukraine has become, de facto, a NATO satellite.

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New research finds low risk of Zika virus at Olympics

One study predicts there will be no more than 15 infections among foreign visitors.

New research attempting to calculate the risk of the Zika virus at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro may reassure organizers and many of the more than 500,000 athletes and fans expected to travel to the epicenter of the epidemic.

Controversy about the global gathering in August has grown as more about the disease becomes known. The mosquito-borne virus can cause crippling birth defects and, in adults, has been linked to the neurological disorder Guillain-Barre.

The World Health Organization, acknowledging the concern, has called a meeting of its Zika experts to evaluate the transmission risk posed by the Olympics.

The debate has played out largely in the absence of models calculating the risk to tourists attending the Olympics. New projections obtained by Reuters suggest the risk is small.

One Sao Paulo-based research group predicted the Rio Olympics would result in no more than 15 Zika infections among the foreign visitors expected to attend the event, according to data reviewed by Reuters.

The projection echoes that of a separate group of Brazilian scientists, based at the University of Sao Paulo, in a study published in the journal Epidemiology & Infection in April. It found the Olympics would result in no more than 16 additional cases of the disease.

Neither study attempted to assess the risk of even a single Olympics traveler carrying the virus back to a vulnerable home country — a central concern of recent calls to reconsider the venue of the games.

But a team of U.S. government epidemiologists calculated that Olympics visitors would account for 0.25 percent of the total risk of spreading Zika through air travel. That was based on 2015 data showing about 240 million people moved to and from areas that now have active transmission.

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were totally shut off and stopped, and the whole thing were canceled, 99 percent of that risk is still ongoing," Dr. Martin Cetron, director of global migration and quarantine for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said.

Questions about whether the games should go on arose in February when WHO declared Zika a global health emergency based on reports of a spike in a typically rare birth defect in Brazil. Since then, Brazil has identified more than 1,400 cases of microcephaly, a condition defined by small head size and underdeveloped brains, linked to Zika.

The WHO and CDC warned pregnant women against traveling to Zika-outbreak areas, and advised men exposed to or infected with the virus to practice safe sex, or abstain altogether, for weeks to months upon their return.

Several would-be Olympians have voiced concerns about competing in Rio.

In the most direct critique to date, more than 200 bioethicists, lawyers and health experts sent a letter to WHO Director-General Margaret Chan calling for the games to be moved or postponed. WHO rejected the idea, saying it lacked scientific merit. Notably, WHO officials said, August is a low season for mosquitoes in Rio and the virus has already spread well beyond Brazil.

But late last week, WHO said its emergency committee on Zika would meet this month to assess what is known about the risk. The agency said it was up to the International Olympic Committee to make any decision about changing the games. REUTERS

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Nissan's Infiniti looks to offer highway self-driving on new models

Autonomous driving is thought to reduce congestion and traffic deaths.

Roland Krueger, president of Infiniti
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Infiniti, the luxury division of Japanese carmaker Nissan, is considering rolling out highway self-driving capabilities for most new models, its president said on Tuesday, potentially overtaking German rivals in a race to offer autonomous driving.

Executives for Chinese and global automakers speaking at final day of the Global Automotive Forum in Chongqing urged the industry to pursue autonomous driving as an advance that will reduce congestion and traffic deaths.

Autonomous driving on highways is considered the first step to a fully self-driving car. So far, few brands have made the technology available to customers.

U.S. carmaker Tesla is a notable exception, having already rolled out highway autonomous driving in a software update to the Model S.

German luxury brands like Daimler's Mercedes and BMW offer semi-autonomous features such as stay-in-lane technology and automatic braking on top-end models.

For Nissan's Infiniti, only the Q50 sedan is currently equipped with its latest generation steering system that allows for autonomous driving above 37 mph on the highway.

"This will be rolled out as we are launching new vehicles one by one," Roland Krueger, Infiniti's president, told Reuters.

"Whenever we are launching the next cars with such a steering system or the next generation of these systems, then of course we would offer those features to our customers."

More advanced autonomous driving features, such as those beyond highways, will require advances in infrastructure and regulation, Krueger said.

The luxury brand is planning to step up its investments in autonomous driving in China by launching an accelerator to nurture smart transportation-related startups and is considering locations in Beijing and Shanghai, he said.

A similar effort in Hong Kong, where the brand is based, is supporting a startup that produced an app to monitor open parking spaces, for example. That capability could potentially lead to a car being able to automatically guide itself to an available parking space, Krueger said.

Autonomous drive will appeal to younger, more daring buyers that the brand targets, especially in China where Infiniti's average buyer is in their mid-30s, he said.

Despite recording 34 percent sales growth in China last year, Infiniti remains a niche brand in China with sales of roughly 40,000 cars last year — roughly as many as BMW or Volkswagen's Audi sells in one month here. REUTERS

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Beyonce calls out designers who snubbed her

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At Monday night's CFDA Awards in New York City, Fashion Icon award recipient Beyonce revealed that high-end designers weren't always so kind to her.

"Starting out in Destiny's Child, high-end labels didn't really want to dress four black, country, curvy girls, and we couldn't afford designer dresses and couture," she said in her speech. "My mother was rejected from every showroom in New York. But like my grandmother, she used her talent and her creativity to give her children their dreams."

The "Formation" singer went on to thank her mother, Tina Knowles, and the rest of her family for the roles they played in her love and appreciation of fashion. She also revealed her mom designed a myriad of her most memorable looks, including: "my wedding dress, my prom dress, my first CFDA Award dress, my first Grammy dress."

While some designers were surely squirming in their seats — *Becky, was it you??* — Beyonce still gave props to the talent in the room. "I want to say thank you to every designer that works tirelessly to make people think they can write their own story," she added."Y'all are fairy godmothers and magicians and sculptors, sometimes even our therapists. I encourage you to not forget this power that you have or to take it lightly."

Meryl Streep wears Trump-face

Once again, Meryl Streep expanded her thespian repertoire with an unexpected role: Donald Trump.

At Monday's annual Shakespeare in the Park Public Theater Gala, the three-time Oscar winner donned an orange spray tan, a fat suit and a messy comb-over wig to impersonate Trump. Streep, and "The Good Wife" actress Christine Baranski, dressed as Hillary Clinton, and performed a duet to the tune of Cole Porter's "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" — because nothing makes for better comedy than politics mashed up with some Elizabethan writing.

Given that Clinton once told Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan that she'd want Streep to play her in a movie, it looks like she could be getting one step closer to another one of her dreams.

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Conrad Hilton is going to jail

Conrad Hilton — little brother of Paris and Nicky — was sentenced to two months in jail after admitting to using drugs while on probation.

The 22-year-old heir to the Hilton hotel fortune is serving three years' probation as a result of his very public and volatile meltdown on a flight from London to L.A. in 2015.

A U.S. Attorney's Office spokesperson told People that "Hilton admitted in court to using marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids and cocaine." Hilton previously failed a mandatory drug test and was sent to rehab in January. The future inmate has until Wednesday to turn himself in and begin his jail sentence ... this time.

The Kardashians' Dash boutique was firebombed

On Monday night in West Hollywood, someone threw a Molotov cocktail through the front window of the empty Dash Boutique, owned by the Kardashian sisters. Luckily it failed to ignite, leaving the property inside undamaged. The attacker hasn't been identified and no arrests have been made.

The Kardashians have not commented attempt, but Kim tweeted before the attack that night indicating that she was out of town.

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Andi Dorfman's 'feminist moment'

The former "Bachelorette" dishes the dirt in her new tell-all.

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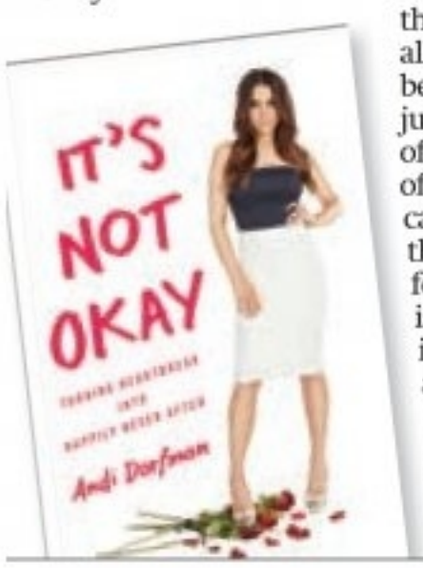
If going through a breakup is hard, then going through one after your proposal was televised to millions of people might seem impossible. For Andi Dorfman, this scenario wasn't just a bad nightmare — it was her reality.

The 29-year-old first made headlines after walking out on Season 18 of "The Bachelor" after a heated confrontation with Juan Pablo Galavis. She later returned to ABC and starred on Season 10 of "The Bachelorette," where she got engaged to — and subsequently broke up with — fellow Atlanta native Josh Murray.



After calling off her nine-month engagement, Dorfman decided to trade in the "tears and sesame chicken" for a new life in New York City and a tell-all, "It's Not Okay."

You call "It's Not Okay" an anti-self-help book, but you also give breakup advice in it. So how do you categorize it?

I call it the anti-self-help book because it gives you this permission to do things that I think most self-help books steer you away from [in one chapter, Dorfman writes "Sometimes you just have to get pissed and burn some s— in order to feel better"]. But it's also a kind of subconscious self-help — you're reading a story, you're laughing while getting advice.

You don't include the names of your exes, but refer to them by numbers.

Obviously, I'm not hiding their identity. I think we all know what number belongs to everyone. It just felt like a moment of empowerment to kind of put them all in the category and number them. It was like a feminist moment — this is my story, I'm writing it, I'm trying to get over a breakup, and the last thing I wanted to do is splash the names of all my exes all through the pages of my story. It was like, "Yeah, you know what? Let's just number them." It was my empowerment move.

What are some red flags people should look out for in a relationship?

The first one is you ask yourself, "Are you happy?" And I know you're not going to be happy every single day, but you get to choose to be in a relationship, and you should choose a relationship that adds value to your life, and makes you a better person. I think it's very easy to tell when you're not yourself. I said it in the book — I operated on two speeds [during my relationship], silent or angry, and that's not who I am. It really starts with that first step: "Am I happy?"

If there are red flags in a relationship, can people move past them?

Nobody is perfect. You're not going to find that perfect person; you're not perfect either. There are going to be things that bother you, there are going to be flaws and red flags in a sense. Are they red flags that are deal breakers? There's an important difference between a red flag and a flaw.

You say in the book that there's no point to being friends with your ex. Do you still believe that?

I don't think it's true for everybody, but I'm just going to go out on a limb and say, I don't think it's healthy. Do you really want to get a Christmas card from your ex, with his new wife and their golden retriever and cute kids? I feel like the friendship with the ex is just steering you down a bad path. Nothing good comes out of it. Go get other friends that add value to your life.

Have you gotten back into the dating scene since the book came out?

I always say I'm happily single. I've dated plenty of guys in the past two years. I date in New York, which is very different, very interesting coming from the South. But I'm still happily single.

What's different about the dating scene in New York?

I think in New York, people are a lot older when they start to date. In the South, everyone kind of gets married younger and starts families younger. In NYC, it's different — everyone's older, so you know more about yourself. It's less of figuring it out and more of figuring the right person.

Who's your right person?

I would love to date a guy that's just nice — the quiet, confident, guy who isn't afraid to be nice. I'm not saying he's a pushover, by any means, but somebody that makes me want to be nice to him back. I think that's so important that you forget in relationships. You're partners. You should be the nicest to your partner than anybody else in the world. It's kind of like that "y'all against the world" mentality. I want that kind of partnership and that supportive person that's always in my corner, and I'm always in their corner.

Do you think you're able to reminisce about the good times and move on?

[For those going through a breakup,] just think of all the negative things for now. I think it helps you put everything into perspective. But in hindsight, a year and a half or whatever later, it is nice to be able to look at it and have a feeling not of animosity or bitterness, but indifference and acceptance for a past that was happy and sad and many other things.

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Founder of Drybar, Alli Webb, works with a client. DRYBAR

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You're probably thinking, "Oh, this is all well and good, but unless I have a special event, this isn't something I would do." However, as Drybar founder Alli Webb puts it, you walk away with so much more than a blowout.

"We're not just selling blowouts," she says. "We're selling the experience and the confidence you get from a great blowout. When you have great hair, you feel really good. It gives you an extra little pep in your step."

Truer words have never been spoken. Women do so much to take care of their minds and bodies these days — from yoga to eating healthy to getting regular mani/pedis. According to Webb, a routine blowout falls into that category and has become a "healthy addiction" for many.

"All the things we do to make ourselves feel better affect us in a lot of different ways," says Webb. "When you feel put together, more confidence comes off. Once women try it, they can't stop."

Webb spent over 20 years as a professional stylist and experienced plenty of hair woes since childhood with her naturally curly hair. After becoming a stay-at-home mom, she became inspired to start her own mobile hair dry business, called Straight-From-Home.

"I was charging $40, which was pretty cheap. But I was doing it for myself and to get out of the house," she says.

Seeing its success, she teamed up with her brother and husband to launch a brick-and-mortar version of her business, which is now known to the world as Drybar.

"I got lucky getting to go into business with my brother and my husband," says Webb. "My brother is more on the business side, I'm more on the hair and customer service, and my husband is the creative genius behind the branding. Without any one of us, Drybar wouldn't be as successful as it is."

Drybar's Philadelphia location is the company's 61st store nationwide.

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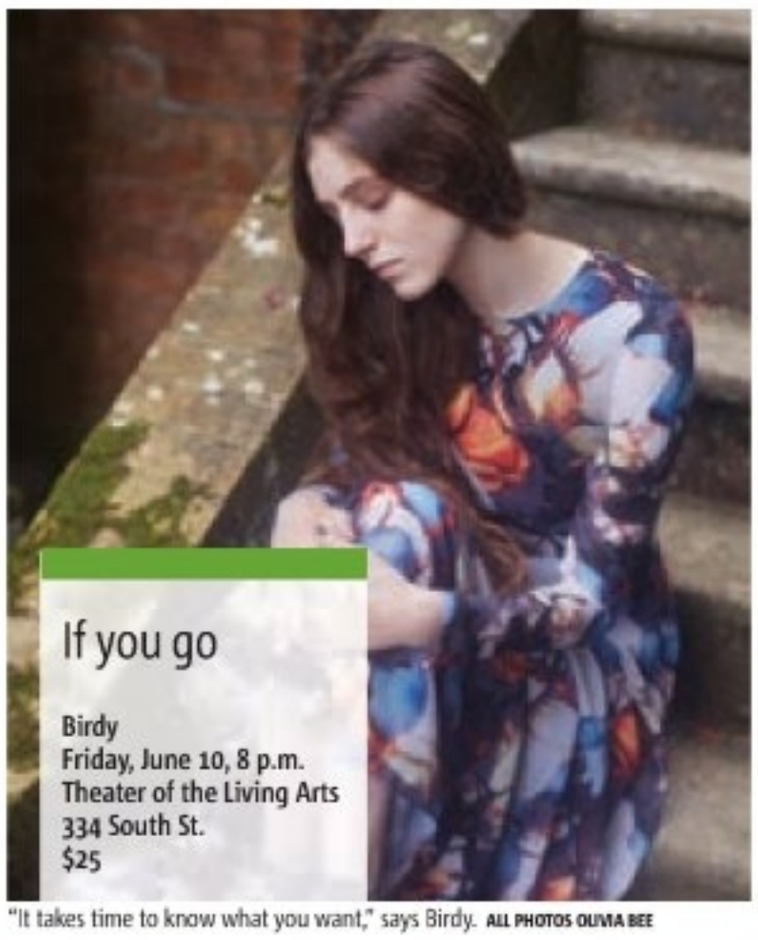

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"It takes time to know what you want," says Birdy. ALL PHOTOS OLIVIA BEE

The singer/songwriter gears up for a performance on Friday at the TLA.

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Birdy has accomplished more in the five years of her young career than most hope to accomplish in a lifetime. At just 14, she wowed the world with her heartfelt cover of Bon Iver's "Skinny Love." Since then, the British musician has toured the world, sold 10.5 million records worldwide and is now on her third album, "Beautiful Lies." We chatted with the now 20-year-old about being inspired by geishas, her upcoming tour and what it's like living on her own for the first time.

Where are you calling from today?

I'm calling from London. Sunny London. It's really beautiful today, actually. I've just come up from my family's home in the countryside, in New Forest, which is in the south of England. But I've been living on my own for the past year and a half for the first time.

What's the biggest change for you living on your own now?

Cooking for myself and taking the bins out. [Laughs] The weirdest thing is that it's so quiet. I'm used to a full house of people and it's usually

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loud because we're all musicians and we all make so much noise. It's weird having so much space to think.

I bet that's great to have all that space to fill songs with.
It's been amazing for writing. I have an upright piano … it's so nice.

You mentioned cooking. Getting creative in the kitchen, too?
I can't cook anything. I'm so bad. [Laughs] I've made myself ill a few times because I'm such a bad cook. I try not to. Apart from pasta. But luckily that's my favorite.

So it's been three years since your last album, "A Fire Within." What have you been up to in that time?
I've been making the new album ["Beautiful Lies"] for a year and a half and touring a lot. I came to America to support Christina Perri for two months and gosh [it was so long ago]. Two years, I think. But that was amazing. To tour on a bus with my band. It was so much fun. Making this album was a chance to get back to normality and see my family.

Let's talk about the new album. Were you inspired by anything in particular this time around? I notice some eastern influence with the artwork.
It's inspired a bit by a book called "Memoirs of a Geisha." I read it at the beginning of the process and it's about a girl who is ripped from her family in the country and is forced to become a geisha in the city and has to learn to fight for herself. The imagery in the book is so beautiful as well. I love the strength of the geisha. I'm wearing a kimono on the album cover and wear it onstage sometimes because I love how strong it makes me feel.

What would you say is the most personal song for you on "Beautiful Lies"?
One of the most personal for me is "Lost it All." I had a lot of frustration at the time I was writing it because I wasn't as confident as I wanted to be. But it takes time to know what you want and try different things. Looking back, it's a part of life and growing up.

You're about to hit the road again for your upcoming tour. What are three things you can't leave home without?
I have to take my pillow from my bed. It's so comfy. It's a feather pillow. Then I have this unicorn head that I got in Nashville. It's a blowup one. I put it on the wall. It makes me laugh! [Laughs] I also like to have a keyboard so I can play through the night on my headphones in my bunk.

What was the last book you read?
The last book I read was "Girl on a Train," which was quite good. It's a murder story. I don't want to give it away in case you want to read it! My mum gave it to me.

Listening to any good music these days?
I don't listen to a lot of music but recently I've been listening to Laura Mvula. She's really talented. She's quite soulful and really weird. Lots of harmonies. Her videos are really powerful, too.

What are you excited for most when you come to Philly?
I didn't get a cheesesteak the last time I was there because there was a huge queue, like an hour-long queue! It was a really famous one. I can't remember the name. So that's where I want to go when I get there.

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Agyness Deyn plays a young woman in World War I-era rural Scotland coping with the vagaries of time in Terence Davies' "Sunset Song," now in theaters. MAGNOLIA PICTURES

Agyness Deyn may be a model-turned-actor, but she already has cred. In "Sunset Song," she acts for the acclaimed and austere Terence Davies ("The Long Day Closes," "The Deep Blue Sea"), playing a resilient young woman in rural Scotland circa World War I. Her subtle turn nabbed her a British Independent Film Awards nomination. When we speak, gone is the short, blonde pixie 'do that was her trademark. She's serious about acting and about movies, even recommending an obscure Polish film (1989's "The Interrogation") as we talk shop. Sometimes quitting your day job works out.

You've long been a cinephile. When did you first realize you loved movies?

In my teens at school. I had a boyfriend who was really into French films and great music. I was like, "Oh, I'm into that, too." [Laughs] My favorite film was "Breathless." From there it changes, because there's so much out there. That led to Wong Kar-wai and "In the Mood for Love." Then you open Pandora's box. I keep realizing I don't know anything about cinema and that there's so much more.

Davies' films are so intensely about the past. How is that as an actor, doing a deep dive into history?

It felt very modern to me — not just visually, but the feeling that people are the same, if you strip back all of the noise going on. It's the same issues. This woman is ahead of her time. She's this strong woman who's jumping over these hurdles and dealing with all these horrible things in her life, but still learning and growing. They make her flourish even more. I think a woman's strength is never masculine. We don't need to be men. Strength is often misconstrued with physical strength. Even though women are physically strong, it's a very genteel strength. It makes you remember how strong we actually are.

You quit modeling with the intention of becoming an actor. Have you encountered much stigma attached to your former profession?

I never noticed the stigma till people asked me about it. Then I said, "Yeah, there is one." I just never thought about it. I just knew this was something I absolutely loved to do and it made my heart sing. I just wanted to do everything I could and work hard and prepare, to prove to myself, not just because I was a model but because I was an actor. Other actors go on auditions and want to prove themselves. I wanted to learn and grow and bring to the table what I could.

Have you gotten support from the industry?

People have been very generous and inspiring. I did a play in London and Ed Stoppard, who's a wonderful actor — I was just following him around as he did warm-ups. He was like, "Agyness, do you want to just do it with me?" There have been times where I've thought, "I don't really know what I'm doing." [Laughs] But people have said, "I'll show you what I know." Terence [Davies] doesn't know much about pop culture, so when he said, "I would like Agyness to play Chris," and people were like, "You know she was a model?" he said, "That doesn't matter, this is who I want." I'm grateful for people who take me as what they experience from me.

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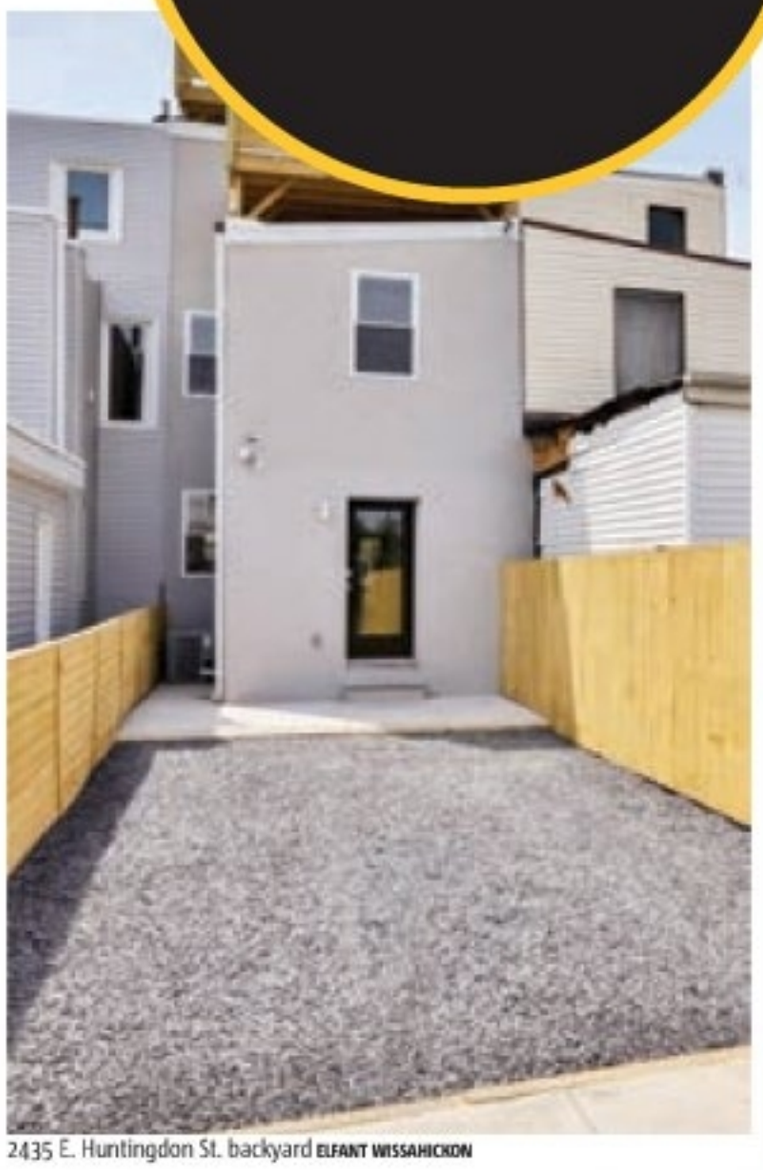
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Kendricks: Pederson implements 'more of a pro system' than Kelly

The linebacker also comments on Fletcher Cox's return to the Eagles locker room.

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Kendricks will play strong and weakside linebacker in the 4-3 defense after playing in the middle under Chip Kelly. GETTY IMAGES

Eagles linebacker Mychal Kendricks played under Chip Kelly, and played pretty well.

When he wasn't injured, the linebacker played his way into a new contract and will be an important piece in the team's defense again this coming season under Doug Pederson's new system.

And by system, we don't mean scheme. We mean coaching philosophy.

Having been a part of both, which does Kendricks like more?

"It's two different coaches who do two different things," Kendricks said Tuesday before taking the field for mandatory minicamp. "I feel like, besides the speed of the practices and everything, it's more of a pro system. You put your work in, they keep us to a high standard and keep us accountable, too. It's a more pro system, it's very conducive for the players and it is good for our recovery. Our mental reps are there — it's not just go, go, go. We sit and we learn what we have to do and then we go and do it."

Under Kelly, Philly's practices moved at breakneck speed and offered little by way of variety or time to step back and think. The Eagles are again huddling for the first time in four years prior to every play. This gives both offensive and defensive players a chance to slow down and assess the situation.

> *"He's doing what he feels he needs to do, and I am sure it will work out fine."*
>
> Mychal Kendricks, on Fletcher Cox

"My message to the team, too, is we can still attack, even out of the huddle," Pederson said. "I don't like to use the word slowdown, but if the huddle means slowing it down, then it is helping.

"I think coming into a whole new system, slowing things down and getting it down pat first and then going and doing it is more conducive for getting things done," Kendricks said.

Speaking of getting things done, Kendricks knows what Fletcher Cox, who reported to camp (sans new contract) is going through and understands the business side of football.

"There is money involved, big money involved," the linebacker, who will play on the outside this season, said. "It's a game we love to play, but everyone's job is on the line from the top to the bottom. Everyone is getting paid. It's how you should go about your business in this business. You should think this way because as soon as you get in your could get out. I wouldn't have it any other way."

That being said, Kendricks and most everyone in the Eagles locker room who shared an opinion Tuesday was pleased that Cox was back in uniform — even if he didn't participate in full team drills.

"Honestly, Fletcher Cox is a big part of this year we all know that," he said. "I feel as a player I need him to do the things I do. He wrecks shop up front and I come through and clean it up. We work well together. He's back, showing his dedication these few days. The whole fine thing and not being here, that's not like him."

Cox did not participate in full team drills Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Cox returns to Eagles, snubs media

Eagles star defensive end Fletcher Cox is entering the final year of his rookie contract and is expected to cash in on a big payday when he next signs his name. Without a deal, Cox did not show up to voluntary OTAs. But he did show up when things got mandatory Tuesday.

He conveniently walked into the locker room at 1:01 p.m., one minute after the Eagles media relations staff asked the press to clear the locker room.

In a statement made through the Eagles earlier Tuesday, Cox made it clear he had no intention of discussing the short holdout. He did not want to talk about his contract either.

"I'm happy to be back in Philadelphia to get back to work with my teammates and coaches," the statement said. "I'm excited for this upcoming season and I can't wait to get on the field for minicamp this week, learn our new defense, and do whatever I can to help our team win. Any discussion about my absence from the offseason program or my contract will be handled privately between me, my agent and the Eagles organization."

What about the other questions Eagles writers and fans are curious about? After all, he is walking into a brand-new defensive scheme cold. And what kind of shape is he in? What has he done this offseason to keep in shape?

The defender — who had one of his best seasons last year and is expected to be even better under Jim Schwartz's 4-3 scheme this year — could have sat down, said no comment on his contract situation and talked football with the media. But he didn't even do that.

There is not expected to be any media availability for Cox this week before the Eagles break for a few weeks ahead of late July's training camp.

Doug Pederson, the Eagles' new head coach, did talk to the media in a news conference Tuesday.

"We didn't even get into it, quite honestly," the coach said. "I am just happy that he is back. I talked to him yesterday, I told him I understand, it is a voluntary program."

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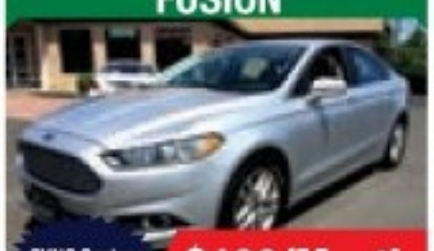
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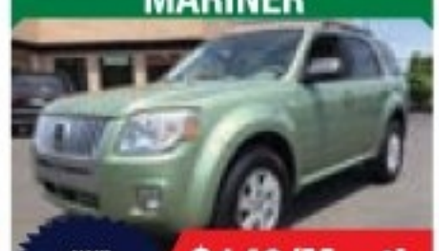
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Phillies have options with No. 1 pick

With the Phillies go with an arm or a bat when the MLB draft commences Thursday night?

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He's shown he is hittable at times, but also a big, talented hurler. Will Philly gamble on A.J. Puk at No. 1? GETTY IMAGES

There was a lot of hype surrounding the 76ers' big night at the draft lottery, and rightly so. But before the Sixers lead off the NBA draft, another Philadelphia team will have their choice of the young blood in their sport, and it's the Phillies. When the MLB draft kicks off Thursday evening, the Phillies will be at the top of the board for the first time since 1998 when they selected Pat Burrell.

Philly has the chance to select the brightest talent in baseball while the team's youth movement already appears to be paying dividends quicker than expected. The movement is led by 2014 first-round selection Aaron Nola, who was heralded as the most MLB-ready pitcher available and came as advertised.

Nola debuted a year later and already has a record of 11-6 and ERA of 3.12 in 25 career starts. So if you struggle to get excited about a baseball draft because you won't see a player for a few years, no matter how talented, there is hope. If you managed excitement for Carson Wentz, you can pull it off here.

Unlike the other sports, and some baseball drafts past when names like Bryce Harper and Stephen Strasburg topped the field, there is no consensus over what the Phillies will do with the top pick, or even what they should do.

Florida's A.J. Puk, a left-hander, led a Gators rotation that should be having names called long after his own. Puk is 6-foot-7, has a mid-90s fastball and a good slider. His change-up needs work, but that's not exactly unusual for a prospect.

A high school option at pitcher is New Jersey's Jason Groome. Groome, another lefty, is committed to Vanderbilt and is another big pitcher — 6-foot-6. Groome throws a fastball in the mid-90s and a great curveball.

If they take a hitter — and seven of 2015's first ten Phillies selections were hitters — outfielder Corey Ray of Louisville might be the best bet. Ray has fine speed to cover centerfield on defense and terrorize the basepaths on offense. Ray, a left-hander, has hit safely above .300 throughout college and improved his power numbers each year while dropping his strikeouts.

Kyle Lewis is the other college bat they might consider worthy of the pick. Lewis, from Mercer, is a fine outfielder whose real calling card is his power from the right side of the plate. He's working his average up too. The question mark is his competition at Mercer.

This will also be the first draft presided over by the restructured front office led by Andy MacPhail and Matt Klentak. Scouting director Johnny Almarez will be in his second year.

The lack of a track record for this front office and the competing reports on who the most talented players are make this a volatile draft board. Check back with Metro throughout the draft and after for coverage of who the Phillies take first overall, and maybe even a little on the player they take in Round 40. We're not kidding.

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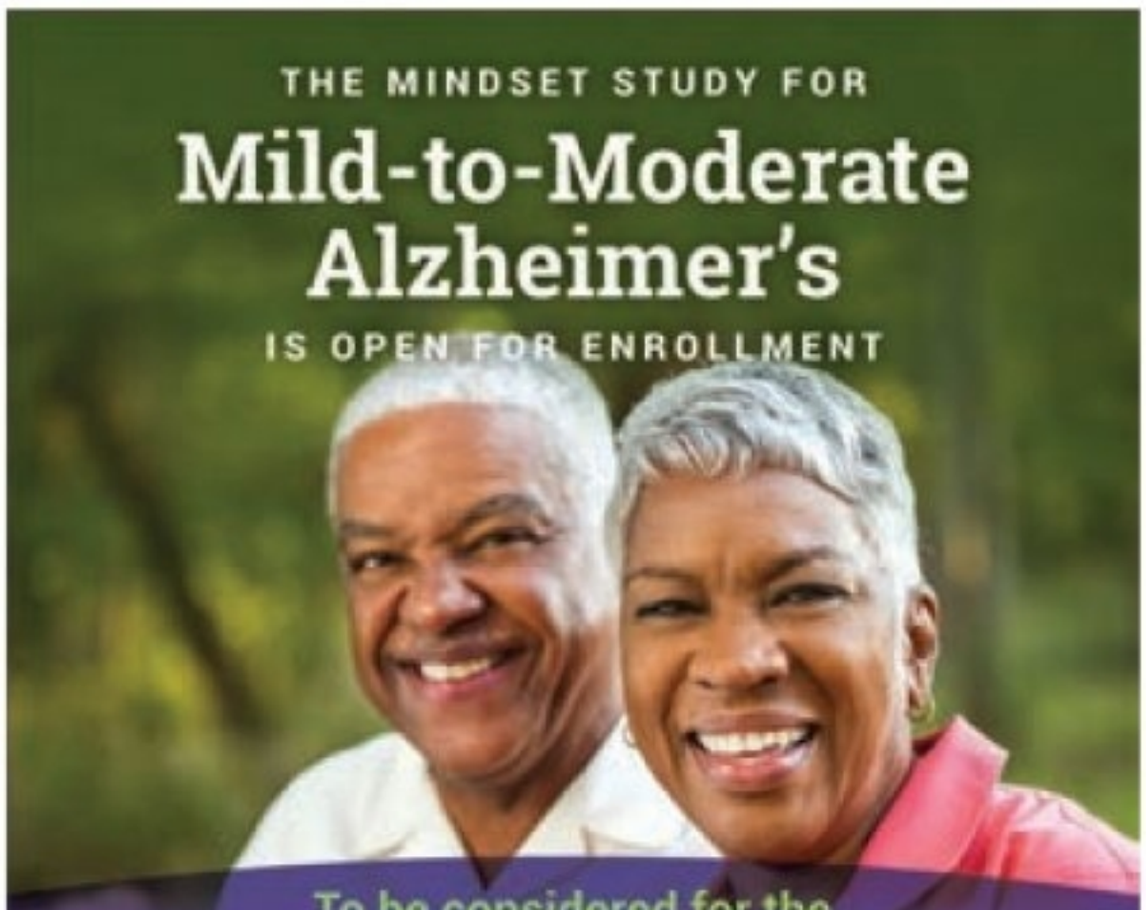

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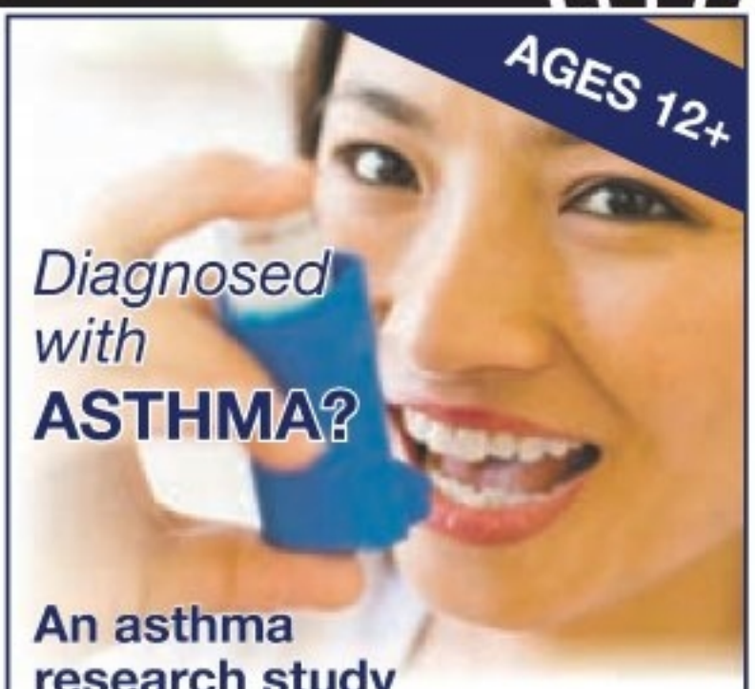

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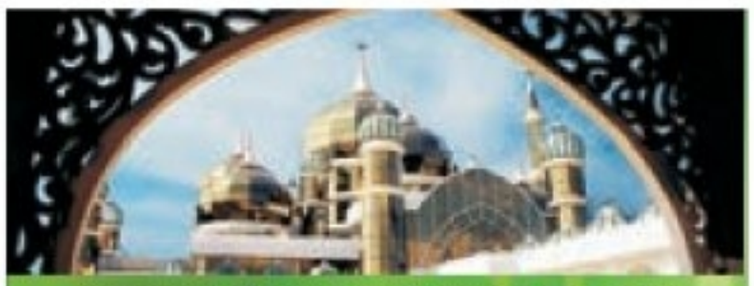

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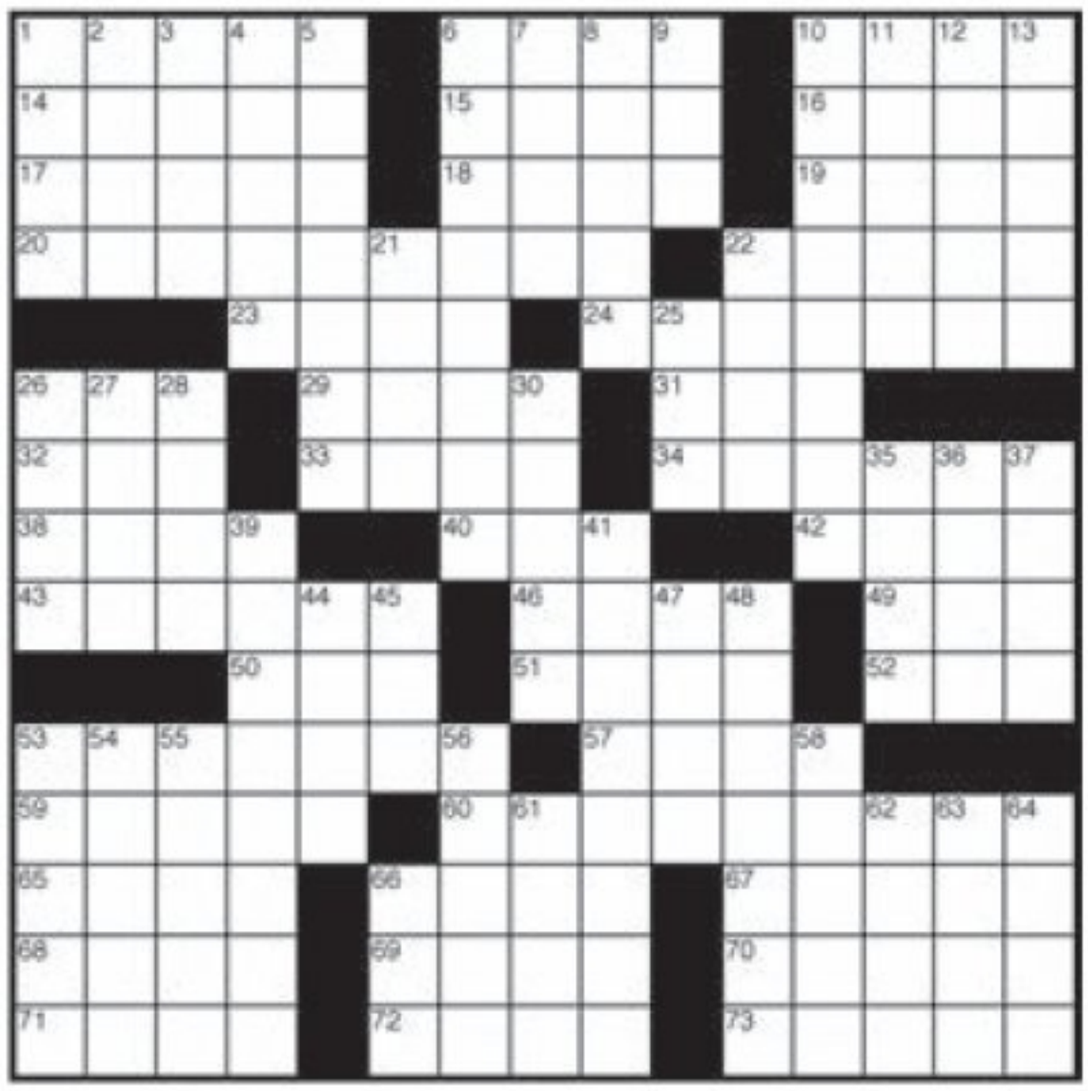

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Aries Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Spend time with positive people who promote stability and common sense. Avoid excess and tangling with superiors.

Taurus Something from your past will result in you questioning the choices you have made. Consider combining the old with the new in order to achieve the happiness you desire.

Gemini Stay in control. Don't be led astray by someone offering sketchy ideas and plans. Make changes that will bring about a healthy and happy lifestyle. Do what's in your best interest.

Cancer Follow your heart and pursue the projects and people that make you feel excited about life. Share your thoughts and embrace changes that will lead to stability and happiness.

Leo Showing your emotions will be part of your charm. You may not please everyone, but someone who sees your true self will turn into your muse, inspiration and confidante.

Virgo Use your intelligence to ward off someone trying to make you look bad. A business meeting or trip will encourage an aggressive move, more options and greater prosperity.

Libra You can improve your prospects through educational pursuits. A change in an important partnership will put you in a better position. Personal development will bring good results.

Scorpio Someone will pry into your personal affairs if you are too expressive. Spend time on creative endeavors that will lead to a better home or work environment.

Sagittarius Pick and choose your projects and associates carefully. Don't let a challenge throw you off track. It's important to finish what you start before taking on something new.

Capricorn Make a decision regarding something or someone from your past. Don't be swayed by ultimatums. Lean toward situations that favor greater equality.

Aquarius Excessive talking will lead to trouble. Stay focused on your responsibilities and getting along with the people who can help you advance. Strive to stabilize important relationships.

Pisces If you say you are going to do something, follow through. Showing inconsistency, confusion or weakness will give a competitor the upper hand. Stay strong yet unassuming. **EUGENIA LAST**

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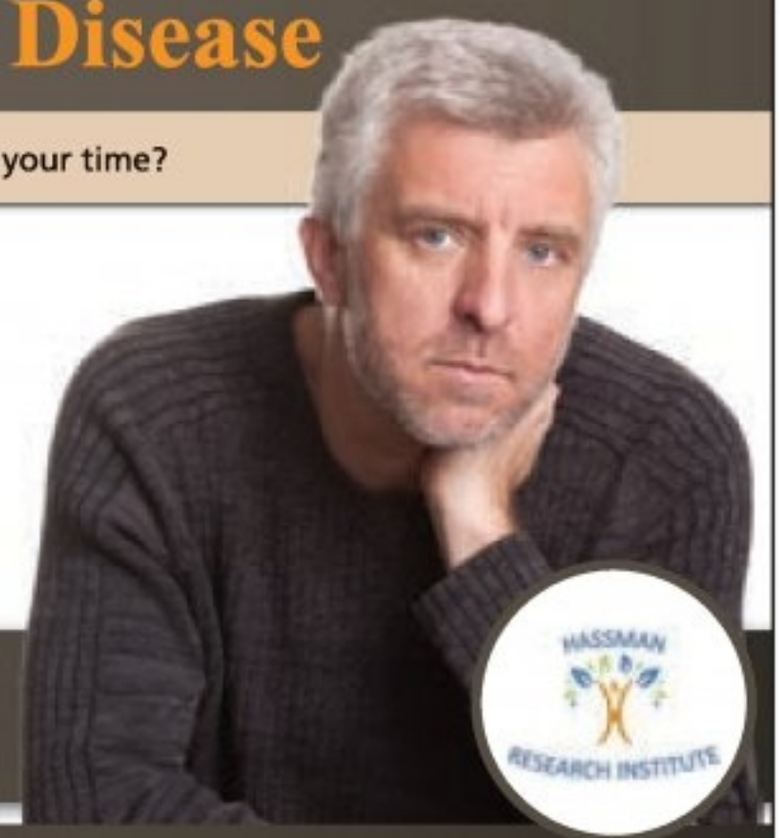

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